



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

**Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

**10:30 AM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller,  
Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Chairman Suffredin asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.**

**1. Mark F. Armstrong - Chicago Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth**

**2. Scott Sachs - Concerned Citizen**

**3. Ella Woodford-Parker - AMITA Health**

**4. Alex Meixner - American Heart Association**

**5. Dr. Kirin Joshi - Cook County Department of Public Health**

**6. Kris Zerfass - Link Together Coalition**

**7. Dr. Donald Zeigler - American Heart Association**

**8. George Blakemore - Concerned Citizen**

[18-7039](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 11/13/2018

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 18-7039. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller,  
Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[19-0653](#)

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Mike Koetting

**Position:** Director

**Department/Board/Commission:** Board of Directors of the Cook County Health & Hospitals System

**Effective date:** 1/24/2019

**Expiration date:** 1/24/2023

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to recommend for approval 19-0653. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,  
Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[19-0654](#)

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Dr. Ray A. Warner

**Position:** Trustee

**Department/Board/Commission:** South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District

**Effective date:** 1/24/2019

**Expiration date:** 1/24/2023

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for approval 19-0654. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[19-0633](#)

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Jeremy Unruh

**Position:** Trustee

**Department/Board/Commission:** Woodley Road Sanitary District

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** 5/1/2021

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for approval 19-0633. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[19-0632](#)

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Frank R. Radochonski

**Position:** Trustee

**Department/Board/Commission:** South Stickney Sanitary District

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** 1/24/2022

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for approval 19-0632. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[19-0626](#)

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Dr. Marlon E. Everett

**Position:** Board Member

**Department/Board/Commission** Justice Advisory Council

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** 1/24/2023

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for approval 19-0626. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[19-0733](#)

**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE, DENNIS DEER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**COMPLETE COUNT CENSUS COMMISSION for COOK COUNTY**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2- Administration, Article VI, Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 1 - generally sections 2-477 through 2-479 of the Cook County Code, is hereby enacted as Follows:

**Sec. 2-477. Short Title.** This Division shall be known and may be cited as the “Complete Count Census Commission for Cook County” (The Commission)

**Sec. 2-478. - Policy and Purpose.**

*(a) Policy.*

This ordinance hereby creates a Commission to assist in the development of an accurate, timely and comprehensive census outreach plan to educate the population on the importance of the census having a complete and accurate population count. Strategic focus will be placed on addressing Hard to Count and underserved communities that the census historically missed - communities of color, urban and rural low-income households, immigrants, populations with language barriers, and young children. Two years prior to the census decennial the Commission shall be activated and a budget line item appropriated,

empowering the Commission to perform its work.

*(b) Purpose.*

- (1) A complete and accurate population count is crucial to the well-being of the county. Federal officials rely on population data to allocate billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities.
- (2) An accurate population count is also used to determine fair reapportionment of congressional representation.
- (3) State and local officials use the population count in the redistricting processes to draw representative boundaries for federal, state and local districts.
- (4) The census data is also used to make decisions about infrastructure, such as where to build a new school or road. Similarly, local and national businesses utilize census data to decide whether and where to start or relocate a business.

**Sec. 2-479. - Complete Count Census Commission of Cook County.**

(a) The Commission will have eleven (11) members including: two (2) Commissioners who were the original sponsors of the ordinance who shall serve as Chair and Co-Chair of the Commission. Four (4) of the Commission members shall be selected by the Chair and Co-Chair Four (4) members of the Commission shall be appointed by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners which may include but not be limited to: civic leaders, business leaders or private sector representatives who have established excellent inclusion practices. The President shall also appoint by virtue of the position (1) Bureau Chief of Economic Development All to be confirmed by the Cook County Board.

(b) The Commission members will serve for two (2) years leading up to the decennial census (typically taken every 10 years in the month of April) and can be reappointed for consecutive decennial census terms.

(c) The Commission shall review and make recommendations on how the Commission can increase the participation in hard to count communities. This will be done in collaboration with Bureau of Economic Development for the creation of the request for proposal.

(d) The Commission will establish the guidelines and vision for the census outreach plan and oversee

the implementation of the plan, and the creation of the request for proposals.

(e) The Commission has the authority to review, oversee and make recommendations on all proposals submitted to the Bureau of Economic Development as it relates to all census activities.

(f) The Commission will advise the office of the President and Board of Commissioners not less than quarterly on its recommendations. Six months prior to the decennial census the Commission will advise the President and the Board of Commissioners on a monthly basis.

(g) All meetings of the Commission will be open to the public.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption

**Legislative History:** 12/12/18 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmental

**A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve amendment 19-0733. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[19-0733](#)

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**COMPLETE COUNT CENSUS COMMISSION for COOK COUNTY**

**Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, DENNIS DEER co-Sponsors PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE, LARRY SUFFREDIN, LUIS ARROYO JR, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, DEBORAH SIMS, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, BILL LOWRY, BRIDGET DEGNAN, KEVIN MORRISON, DONNA MILLER, BRANDON JOHNSON, SCOTT BRITTON AND ALMA ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners**

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*(b) Purpose.*

- (1) ~~To ensure~~ A complete and accurate population count ~~is crucial to~~ for the well-being of the county. Federal and state officials rely on population data counts to allocate billions of dollars in federal and state funds to the County and local communities.
- (2) ~~To ensure an~~ accurate population count ~~is also used to determine~~ and that there is a fair reapportionment of congressional representation.
- (3) ~~To ensure state~~ and local officials use the population count in the redistricting processes to draw fair representative boundaries for ~~federal~~, state and local districts.
- (4) ~~To ensure the census~~ population count data is also used to make decisions about infrastructure, such as where to build a new school or road. Similarly, local and national businesses utilize ~~census~~ population count data to decide whether and where to start or relocate a business.

**Sec. 2-479. - Complete Count Census Commission of Cook County.**

- (a) The Commission will have ~~eleven~~ fifteen (15) diverse members including: the two (2) Commissioners who were the original sponsors of the ordinance who shall serve as Chairpersons of the Law Enforcement and Health and Hospitals Committees of the Cook County Board of Commissioners



~~and Co-Chair of the Commission.~~ The Chairperson of the Law Enforcement Committee shall be Chairperson of the Commission and the Chairperson of the Health and Hospitals Committee shall serve as Co-Chair. ~~Four Six~~ (46) of the Commission members shall be selected by the Chair and Co-Chair. ~~Four Six~~ (46) members of the Commission shall be appointed by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners which may include but not be limited to: civic leaders, business leaders or private sector representatives who have established excellent inclusion practices. In addition, the President shall also appoint by virtue of the position (1) Bureau Chief of Economic Development as a member of the Commission. All appointments are to be confirmed by the Cook County Board.

(b) The Commission members will serve upon adoption of this ordinance for the 2020 decennial census and for two (2) years leading up to the decennial census (typically taken every 10 years in the month of April) and can be reappointed for consecutive decennial census terms.

(c) The Commission shall review and make recommendations ~~on how the Commission can~~ to increase the community participation in hard to count communities. This will be done ~~in collaboration with the Bureau of Economic Development's for the creation of the~~ request for proposal to facilitate a complete event.

(d) The Commission will establish the guidelines and vision for ~~the a~~ a census outreach plan and oversee the implementation of the plan, and work with the Bureau of Economic Development on creating of the request for proposals for all services and any staff hired to work for the Commission.

(e) The Commission shall establish relationships with independent organizations (such as nonprofit organizations, community organizations, congregations, etc.) in each District of the Cook County Board of Commissioners to encourage and assist them to create complete count committees. The Commission may accept financial support from nonprofit organizations and charitable foundations.

(~~e~~f) The Commission has the authority to review, oversee and make recommendations on all proposals submitted to the Bureau of Economic Development as it relates to all census activities. The Bureau of Economic Development shall act as the fiscal agent for the Commission and shall promulgate processes and procedures for creating and overseeing contracts to further the Commission's activities.

(~~f~~g) The Commission, through a written report and presentations, will advise the office of the President and Board of Commissioners not less than quarterly on its ~~recommendations~~ work. Six months prior to the decennial census the Commission will advise the President and the Board of Commissioners on a monthly basis. All reports will be made directly to the Board.

(h) Post-decennial activities shall include, but not be limited, to a report prepared by the Commission to

be received and filed by the Board of Commissioners detailing the Commission's efforts for the decennial census including the background on the state of the County's population at the time, targeted populations, description of Commission members and subcommittees, the County's overall efforts, partnerships, materials distributed, and decennial-specific Census results for Cook County. Such record-keeping will enrich the County's historical archive and assist future Commission efforts.

(g) All meetings of the Commission will be open to the public.

**Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for approval as amended 19-0733. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[19-0605](#)

**Sponsored by:** SCOTT R. BRITTON and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

## **PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

### **PROHIBITING THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 21**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 54 - Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, Article V, Tobacco Dealers, Section 54-301- Definitions and 54-305 - Prohibitions on sale or distribution of tobacco products, of the Cook County Code are hereby amended as follows:

#### **Sec. 54-301. - Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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Tobacco products means any product in leaf, flake, plug, liquid, vapor or any other form, containing nicotine derived from tobacco, which product is intended to enable human consumption of the tobacco or nicotine, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by other means. The term includes tobacco products that are a nonlighted, noncombustible product that employs a mechanical heating element, battery, or electronic circuit regardless of shape or size and that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine in a solution. The term also includes any vapor cartridge or other container of nicotine in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device. For the purposes of article, the term "Tobacco products" excludes any product that has been specifically approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco cessation product or for other medical purposes, where such product is marketed and sold solely for such an approved purpose.

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**Sec. 54-305. Prohibitions on sale or distribution of tobacco products.**

(a) Underage tobacco sales.

- (1) No retailer may sell or distribute tobacco products to any person under ~~18~~ 21 years of age.
- (2) Each retailer shall request and examine the photographic identification of any person purchasing tobacco products so as to verify that the purchaser is over ~~18~~ 21 years of age or older. No such verification is required for any person who appears without reasonable doubt to be over the age of 27.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect June 1, 2019.

**Legislative History:** 12/12/18 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmental

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to accept as amended 19-0605. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (14)

**Nayes:** Degnen (1)

**Present:** Arroyo (1)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[19-0605](#)

**Sponsored by:** ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

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**Sec. 54-301. - Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

...

*Public Education Program* means an informational campaign in which the public shall be informed of the inherent risks and dangers of consuming tobacco products. The campaign may utilize traditional means of communication such as media advertising, pamphlets, posters, social media and/or any other method necessary.

...

*Tobacco products* means any product in leaf, flake, plug, liquid, vapor or any other form, containing nicotine derived from tobacco, which product is intended to enable human consumption of the tobacco or nicotine, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by other means. The term includes tobacco products that are a nonlighted, noncombustible product that employs a mechanical heating element, battery, or electronic circuit regardless of shape or size and that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine in a solution. The term also includes any vapor cartridge or other container of nicotine in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device. For the purposes of this article, the term "Tobacco products" excludes any product that has been specifically approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco cessation product or for other medical purposes, where such product is marketed and sold solely for such an approved

purpose.

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**Sec. 54-303. - Enforcement and administration; penalties.**

*(a) Duties of Department of Public Health.*

- (1) The Department of Public Health shall be responsible for the enforcement and administration of this Article.
- (2) The Department of Public Health shall conduct random, unannounced inspections at locations where tobacco products are sold, including tobacco vending machines, to ensure compliance with this Article.
- (3) The Department of Public Health shall promulgate reasonable rules and regulations consistent with this Article to provide for the enforcement and administration of this Article. The rules and regulations shall establish procedures for administrative action against those who violate this Article and for a method of administrative adjudication of the violation or violations.
- (4) Any rules or regulations promulgated under this Article shall be filed in the Department of Public Health's principal office and shall be made available for public inspection. Copies shall be made available upon request and payment of a reasonable fee as determined by the Department to cover the cost of providing the copy.
- (5) The Department of Public Health shall conduct a Public Education Program. The Department of Public Health, in its quarterly report to the Board of Commissioners as the Board of Health, shall report on the progress of the Public Education Program.

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Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect June 1, 2019.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Ordinance Amendment be recommend for approval. The motion carried.**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (14)

**Nayes:** Degnen (1)

**Present:** Arroyo (1)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

[19-0602](#)

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

#### **AN AMENDMENT TO THE COOK COUNTY INSPECTOR GENERAL ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2 - Administration, Article IV - Officers and Employees, Division 5 - Inspector General, Sections 2-288 and 2-291. are amended as Follows:

#### **Sec. 2-288. - Confidential Summary reports.**

Upon conclusion of any investigation, the Independent Inspector General shall submit a confidential summary report to the President, the appropriate head of any department or bureau to whose office the investigation pertains, the Chief of the Bureau of Human Resources and to the Purchasing Agent in the case of a sustained finding regarding a contractor, subcontractor, applicant seeking for a contract, or person in certification of eligibility for a contract, and to the Board of Ethics the case of a sustained finding regarding any violation of the Cook County Ethics Ordinance (Sections 2-560 through 2-603). If the Independent Inspector General has conducted any investigations regarding the office, or an employee, contractor or subcontractor of a separately elected official, the Independent Inspector General also shall submit the confidential summary report to the elected official.

Confidential summary reports shall be labeled as such and shall contain the information set forth below in accordance with this section. Confidential summary reports received by any government official

or employee shall only be used for official government purposes and may only be disclosed for official government purposes. The penalty for improper use or disclosure of confidential summary reports, including, but not limited to, a disclosure for political purposes, shall be governed by Section 2-291.

(a) The report shall include the following:

- (1) A description of any complaints or other information received by the Independent Inspector General pertinent to the investigation.
- (2) A description of any illegal conduct, corruption, fraud, waste, mismanagement, unlawful political discrimination, misconduct, or inefficiencies observed or discovered in the course of the investigation.
- (3) Recommendations for correction of any illegal conduct, corruption, fraud, waste, mismanagement, unlawful political discrimination, misconduct, or inefficiencies described in the report and a timeline for corrective action.
- (4) Such other information as the Independent Inspector General may deem relevant to the investigation or resulting recommendations.

(b) The report shall not mention the name of any informant, complainant, witness, or person investigated, except in the following instances:

- (1) Where the copy of the report given to the head of any department or agency recommends disciplinary action against an employee of that agency.
- (2) Where the copy of the report given to the purchasing agent makes recommendations concerning any contractor, subcontractor, applicant for a contract, or person seeking certification of eligibility for a contract.
- (3) Where the copy of the report given to the head of a department or agency makes recommendation concerning a person seeking certification of eligibility of a program administered by the department or agency.
- (4) Where the copy given to the President and the Chief of the Bureau of Human Resources recommends disciplinary action against the head or any employee of any executive department or agency.

(c) If any investigation is not concluded within 180 days after its initiation, the Independent Inspector General shall notify the President and the Litigation Subcommittee of the general nature of the complaint or information giving rise to the investigation and the reasons for failure to complete the investigation within 180 days.

**Sec. 2-291. - Violations and penalties.**

- (a) It shall be a violation of this division for any person to:
- (1) Retaliate against, punish, harass, threaten or penalize any other person for communicating, cooperating or assisting the Independent Inspector General in the performance of duties.
  - (2) Interfere, obstruct, or attempt to interfere or obstruct an investigation conducted by the Independent Inspector General.
- (b) In addition to all other available remedies, civil and criminal, the following penalties shall apply to violations of this division:
- (1) Any County employee who is found to have willfully violated this division as provided in Section 2-285 or Subsection (a) of this Section shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge. Disciplinary action shall be instituted in accordance with procedures applicable to the employee, including but not limited to those established by the Merit Board, Civil Service Commission, Human Resources Board, collective bargaining agreements, employee manuals, handbooks or at-will practice of the employer.
  - (2) Any agent, independent contractor or appointed official found to have willfully violated this division as provided in Section 2-285 or Subsection (a) of this Section shall be subject to removal.
  - (3) Any contractor, subcontractor, grantee, lessee or licensee under a County contract, grant, lease or license, found to have willfully violated this division as provided in Section 2-285 or Subsection (a) of this Section shall be subject to termination of existing contracts, grants, leases or licenses, and/or ineligibility for consideration for future County contracts, grants, leases or licenses for a period not to exceed two years.
  - (4) Any person or business entity seeking County contracts or certification of eligibility for County contracts or participation in any County program found to have willfully violated this division shall be subject to ineligibility for consideration for future County contracts, grants, leases, licenses, or programs for a period not to exceed two years.
  - (5) Any person found to have willfully violated Section 2-285 shall also be subject to a fine of not less than \$300.00 and not more than \$500.00 for each violation.
  - (6) Any person who makes a false statement, material to the issue or point in question, which he does not believe to be true, in any complaint or other document relating to the Independent Inspector General's investigations of elected officials, and which is certified by such person in accordance with Subsection 2-284(1) shall be guilty of knowingly furnishing false statements or misleading information. Any person found to have violated, intentionally obstructed or interfered



with an investigation of, or intentionally made a false, misleading or bad faith allegation or claim in accordance with Subsection 2-284(1) shall be subject to the above-listed penalties and may be further subject to a penalty of up to six months imprisonment and fines up to \$5,000.00 per violation. Actions seeking the imposition of a fine shall be filed as quasi-criminal actions subject to the provisions of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, as amended.

(7) Any person found to have to have improperly used or disclosed a confidential summary report as provided in Section 2-288 shall be subject to a penalty of up to six months imprisonment and fines up to \$5,000.00 per violation. Actions seeking the imposition of a fine shall be filed as quasi-criminal actions subject to the provisions of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, as amended.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for approval 19-0602. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Vice Chairman Britton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

A video recording of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.